

Message from the Chief

Spirit of Cooperation

The horrific events of September 11th touched each and every citizen in one way or another, teaching many lessons about bravery, preparedness, and life itself. One important lesson has been that of cooperation and the fact that no one agency will be effective standing alone. Whether it is the Police Department working harmoniously with other Town agencies, with other local, state, or federal police departments, or with citizen groups, it is this cooperation that gets the job done. The Amherst Police Department is always willing to work with any group to enhance the quality of life in the community. Within this cooperative spirit, however, our mission to serve and protect remains the same, and protecting the civil rights of all citizens is our first priority.

Staffing continues to be an issue, and a minor restructuring of the Department was necessary to fulfill our obligations as a first-response organization to the community. As a result, some community policing initiatives that worked so well in the past had to be curtailed in order to ensure the efficient service the citizens of Amherst deserve and expect.

Technology was improved within the Department with the help of the Information Systems Department. A new computer system was installed that will improve not only report writing and retrieval, but also crime analysis and the detection of criminals. Officers are now equipped with mobile computers that link them directly to the main computer at the station and to a statewide system, making needed information readily available.

Traffic remains an issue to which the Department is dedicated, but it is the combination of enforcement and education that is the key to solving traffic problems. The recently acquired motorcycles bring more mobility and efficiency in enforcement, while a new speed board sign makes drivers aware of their actual speed. This sign is utilized in all neighborhoods and has proven very effective.

As in the past, I take pride in stating that the Amherst Police Department is one of the best trained, best equipped departments, staffed by highly motivated professionals. It is a pleasure to be its chief, and I look forward to continued support from the community.

Charles L. Scherpa
Chief of Police

Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau was staffed by Lt. Timothy M. Sullivan, Sgt. Ronald A. Young, Detective A. James Hobart, Detective William Menard, Detective Cindy L. Walsh, Detective Jamie J. Magarian, and Patrolman David Foster. In the spring of 2002, Detective Christina B. Knightly rejoined the unit and has greatly assisted with investigations among her numerous duties.

The Detective Bureau works as support for the patrol officers and over the past year has worked closely with those officers on continuing investigations. Detectives also have led numerous self-generated investigations that have culminated in successful prosecution of offenders. Currently, the Detective Bureau is also responsible for conducting background investigations of prospective employees. It also provides court liaison and school resource personnel, is in charge of firearms licensing, and provides liaison to the numerous outreach groups in the community.

Following the tragedy of September 11, 2001, members of the Detective Bureau have worked closely with state and federal authorities. In June, Amherst had its first bank robbery since 1998. The suspect has been arrested and is awaiting trial. Other investigations included two armed home invasions involving narcotics, a number of assault investigations, and narcotics trafficking arrests. During FY 02, 101 persons were charged criminally by the Detective Bureau through arrest, summons, or indictment, with a total of one 148 charges.

Lieutenant Timothy M. Sullivan
OIC, Detective Bureau

Communications Center

Emergency dispatching is truly an integral and demanding component of public safety. The events of September 11, 2001 brought this more clearly into focus. Within the first 18 minutes of the attack on the World Trade Center, dispatchers at New York Metro Tech answered over 3000 phone calls, with their day's total exceeding 65,000. The majority of the earlier calls were from people inside the Twin Towers, most of whom perished. Many dispatchers were the last ones to speak with those who died. Meanwhile, dispatchers clung to radio communication with "their" police officers, firefighters and EMTs who risked, and in hundreds of cases also lost, their lives.

As the seriousness and level of activity has increased for police officers, fire fighters and EMTs, so it has for Centers which manage their communications. The critical role dispatching plays in emergency service requires our commitment to maintaining appropriate staffing and training levels as well as equipment function within our Center.

Improvements to the selection and training process have proven successful, easing demands on employees while better ensuring the continued service of all dispatchers in the Department.

During the winter, new employees were among the first in the state to attend a dispatch training academy, now in its third session. A monthly in-service training schedule helps ensure that we stay current with policy and procedures and allows for remedial training opportunities.

No matter what physical or operational changes are implemented, our dispatchers must assimilate them without being able to suspend any activity. Currently a new building security system is being installed, with related major remodeling. New job functions include the following:

- In August, we began participating with Mass Highway in the management of emergency vehicle traffic over the Coolidge Bridge while it is under construction.
- Last fall, the increased danger of terrorism and concerns with hazardous materials prompted an increase in related activity and the development of new procedures.
- This spring, a complete change to our Computer Aided Dispatch system challenged our abilities to learn time-critical functions *on the job*.

We have reintroduced uniforms to the Center, resulting in a well-deserved sense of pride in and recognition of our professional association with others in emergency service. This has also proven beneficial to our involvement with public education. We again enjoyed participating in the Fire Department's Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) program.

Our Emergency Medical Dispatch program, now in its second year, has become a standard by which other agencies define their needs for such service. Through this

program we can better query the caller with a medical problem, select the appropriate response, provide pertinent information to responders and give aid and direction to patients.

We look forward to the completion of physical improvements to our work environment and continued support of our efforts to maintain the professional level of the service we provide.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Hired

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|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| Donna Ciufo | full-time | 09-08-01 |
| Eugene Klos | full-time | 09-10-01 |
| Maurice Lalumiere | full-time | 05-13-02 |

Resigned

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| Michael Roney | full-time | 08-06-01 |
| Eugene Klos | full-time | 01-31-02 |
| Donna Ciufo | full-time | 04-04-02 |

POLICE PERSONNEL CHANGES

POLICE OFFICERS

| | | |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|
| Daniel Bray | Appointed to Patrolman Resigned (from academy) | 07/09/01 10/29/01 |
| Jarrold Petrelli | Patrolman, Resigned | 08/20/01 |
| Richard MacLean | Appointed to Patrolman | 09/04/01 |
| Matthew Donah | Appointed to Patrolman | 09/05/01 |
| Steve Westerling | Appointed to Patrolman | 10/01/01 |
| Steve Zahn | Patrolman, Retired | 01/11/02 |
| Keller Williams | Appointed to Patrolman | 03/11/02 |
| Jeannine Bonnayer | Appointed to Patrolman | 03/18/02 |
| Barbara Denno | (pship/part-time), hired | 10/02/01 |

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

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| Carol Hepburn | Animal Control Officer | 09/03/01 |
| Kyanna Stallings | Partnership Secretary, hired Resigned | 09/19/01 05/01/02 |
| Janet Smead | Admin. Assist. to Chief Retired | 01/03/02 |
| Kyrsten Buckley-Brawner | CSO Mounted Patrol, Terminated | 01/09/02 |
| Joy Jolie | Records Clerk, hired | 04/16/02 |
| Mary Lashway | Records Clerk, resigned | 06/30/02 |

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

July 01, 2001 – June 30, 2002

POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE

Recorded by Public Safety Communications Center

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| ABUSE PREVENTION ORDER | 229 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE DETAIL | 210 |
| ALARM | 955 |
| ANIMAL COMPLAINT | 362 |
| ANIMAL WELFARE | 105 |
| ANNOYING CALLS | 080 |
| ASSAULT | 075 |
| ASSIST AFD | 434 |
| ASSIST CITIZEN | 955 |
| ASSIST OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT | 199 |
| ASSIST OTHER AGENCY | 328 |
| BREAKING AND ENTERING DWELLING | 146 |
| BREAKING AND ENTERING VEHICLE | 160 |
| BOMBING/ARSON | 004 |
| CHILD ABUSE | 003 |
| CIVIL COMPLAINT | 009 |
| COMMUNITY POLICING | 462 |
| DEATH | 008 |
| DISORDERLY CONDUCT | 010 |
| DISTURBANCE (GENERAL) | 427 |
| DISTURBANCE (DOMESTIC) | 110 |
| DRUG VIOLATION | 029 |
| ESCORT | 355 |
| FIGHT | 142 |
| FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION | 424 |
| FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING | 004 |
| FRAUD | 013 |
| HOUSE CHECKS | 299 |
| LARCENY | 398 |
| LIQUOR ID CHECK | 032 |
| LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION | 046 |
| LOCK UP INCIDENT | 002 |
| MEDICAL/MENTAL | 043 |
| MESSAGE DELIVERY | 018 |
| MISSING PERSON | 071 |
| MISSING PROPERTY | 151 |
| MV ABANDONED | 010 |
| MV CRASH WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE | 801 |
| MV CRASH WITH PERSONAL INJURY | 119 |
| MV PURSUIT | 003 |
| MV RECOVERED | 032 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE STOP | 232 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT | 055 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION | 063 |
| NOISE COMPLAINT | 1253 |
| OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE | 060 |

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| PARKING BAN | 073 |
| POLICE LOG | 374 |
| PRISONER TRANSPORT | 046 |
| PRIVATE TOW | 005 |
| PROTECTIVE CUSTODY | 007 |
| RAPE | 012 |
| RECOVERED PROPERTY | 506 |
| RESTRAINING ORDER 209A | 107 |
| ROBBERY | 011 |
| SCHOOL DISTURBANCE | 002 |
| SECURITY CHECK | 1297 |
| SEX OFFENSE | 011 |
| SHOPLIFTING | 001 |
| SPECIAL/UNUSUAL | 045 |
| SUMMONS SERVICE | 609 |
| SUSPICIOUS ACTS | 1900 |
| TEST | 018 |
| TOWN BYLAW VIOLATION | 078 |
| TRAFFIC | 1012 |
| TRAFFIC MONITOR | 009 |
| TRANSPORT CITIZEN | 014 |
| TRESPASS | 030 |
| VANDALISM | 417 |
| WARRANT SERVICE | 169 |
| WELL BEING CHECK | 150 |
| 911 ABANDONED / HANG-UPS | 228 |

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 17,057

PERSONS DETAINED BY / AT AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

ADULTS:

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|--------------------|------------------------|-----|
| ARRESTED OFFENDERS | (BY AMHERST POLICE) | 548 |
| SUMMONSED PERSONS | (BY AMHERST POLICE) | 246 |
| PROTECTIVE CUSTODY | (BY AMHERST POLICE) | 013 |
| ARRESTED OFFENDERS | (BY UMASS POLICE) | 043 |
| ARRESTED OFFENDERS | (BY HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE) | 001 |
| ARRESTED OFFENDERS | (BY SHUTESBURY POLICE) | 002 |

JUVENILES:

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|--------------------|---------------------|-----|
| ARRESTED OFFENDERS | (BY AMHERST POLICE) | 030 |
| SUMMONSED PERSONS | (BY AMHERST POLICE) | 061 |
| PROTECTIVE CUSTODY | (BY AMHERST POLICE) | 001 |

OFFENSES CHARGED - AT TIME OF ADULT ARRESTS

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|---------|--|-----|
| A2S3 | VIOLATION TBL NOISE | 063 |
| A2S6 | VIOLATION TBL OPEN CONTAINER | 092 |
| A24S4 | VIOLATION TBL UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF KEG | 016 |
| 85-36 | CARGO UNCOVERED MOTOR VEHICLE | 001 |
| 89-4A | FAILURE TO KEEP IN MARKED LANES OR IN RIGHT LANE | 018 |
| 89-7A | DRIVING OVER FIRE HOSE | 001 |
| 89-8 | FAILURE TO GRANT RIGHT OF WAY | 002 |
| 89-8 | RIGHT TURN ON RED PROHIBITED | 003 |
| 89-9 | FAIL TO STOP/ RED LENS / SIGN | 012 |
| 89-11 | FAILURE TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK | 001 |
| 90-10 | OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE | 012 |
| 90-11 | OPERATING W/O LICENSE / REGISTRATION IN POSSESSION | 005 |
| 90-13 | IMPEDED OPERATION | 001 |
| 90-13A | SEATBELT VIOLATION (OPERATOR SITED) | 004 |
| 90-14B | FAILURE TO USE TURN SIGNAL | 005 |
| 90-18 | A5S1 VIOL TBL ONE WAY | 002 |
| 90-18 | A7S4 VIOL TBL FAIL USE CARE STOPPING/TURNING | 004 |
| 90-18 | A7S6 RED LENS VIOLATION | 003 |
| 90-18 | SPEED EXCEEDING POSTED LIMIT | 022 |
| 90-20 | OPERATING UNINSPECTED MOTOR VEHICLE | 006 |
| 90-23 | ATTACHING FALSE PLATES TO MOTOR VEHICLE | 001 |
| 90-23 | OPERATING AFTER REVOCATION OF LICENSE | 007 |
| 90-23 | OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION OF LICENSE | 039 |
| 90-23 | OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION OF LICENSE 2 ND /SUB | 002 |
| 90-23 | OPERATING AFTER REGISTRATION REVOKED | 002 |
| 90-24 | LEAVING SCENE OF ACCIDENT WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE | 002 |
| 90-24 | LEAVING SCENE OF ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY | 001 |
| 90-24 | OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE, ALCOHOL | 071 |
| 90-24 | OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE, ALCOHOL 2 ND OFFENSE | 002 |
| 90-24 | OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE, DRUGS | 001 |
| 90-24 | RECKLESS OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE / ENDANGERING | 005 |
| 90-24I | OPEN CONTAINER WHILE DRIVING | 002 |
| 90-24P | USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE W/O AUTHORITY | 001 |
| 90-25 | FAILURE TO SUBMIT TO POLICE OFFICER | 001 |
| 90-6 | IMPROPER DISPLAY OF REGISTRATION PLATE | 009 |
| 90-7 | DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT | 005 |
| 90-7 | FAILURE TO DISPLAY HEADLAMPS | 007 |
| 90-9 | OPERATING UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE | 003 |
| 94C-32 | POSSESSION OF CLASS B SUB INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE | 001 |
| 94C-32 | POSSESSION OF CLASS D SUB INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE | 001 |
| 94C-32 | UNLAWFUL TRAFFIC COCAINE | 001 |
| 94C-32 | UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION CLASS B,C,OR D SUBSTANCE | 002 |
| 94C-34 | POSSESSION OF CLASS D SUBSTANCE | 025 |
| 94C-34 | POSSESSION OF CLASS E SUBSTANCE | 002 |
| 94-34C | OTHER VIOL DRUG LAWS/CONSPIRACY/POSSESS HYPO/ETC | 003 |
| 138-02 | OTHER LIQUOR VIOLATION | 003 |
| 138-34B | USE LIQUOR LIC/ID OF ANOTHER/MAKE/ALTER | 005 |
| 138-34C | LIQUOR TRANSPORTING/CARRYING/POSSESSING UNDER 21 | 116 |
| 138-02 | ILLEGAL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE | 001 |

OFFENSES CHARGED - AT TIME OF ADULT ARRESTS (cont.)

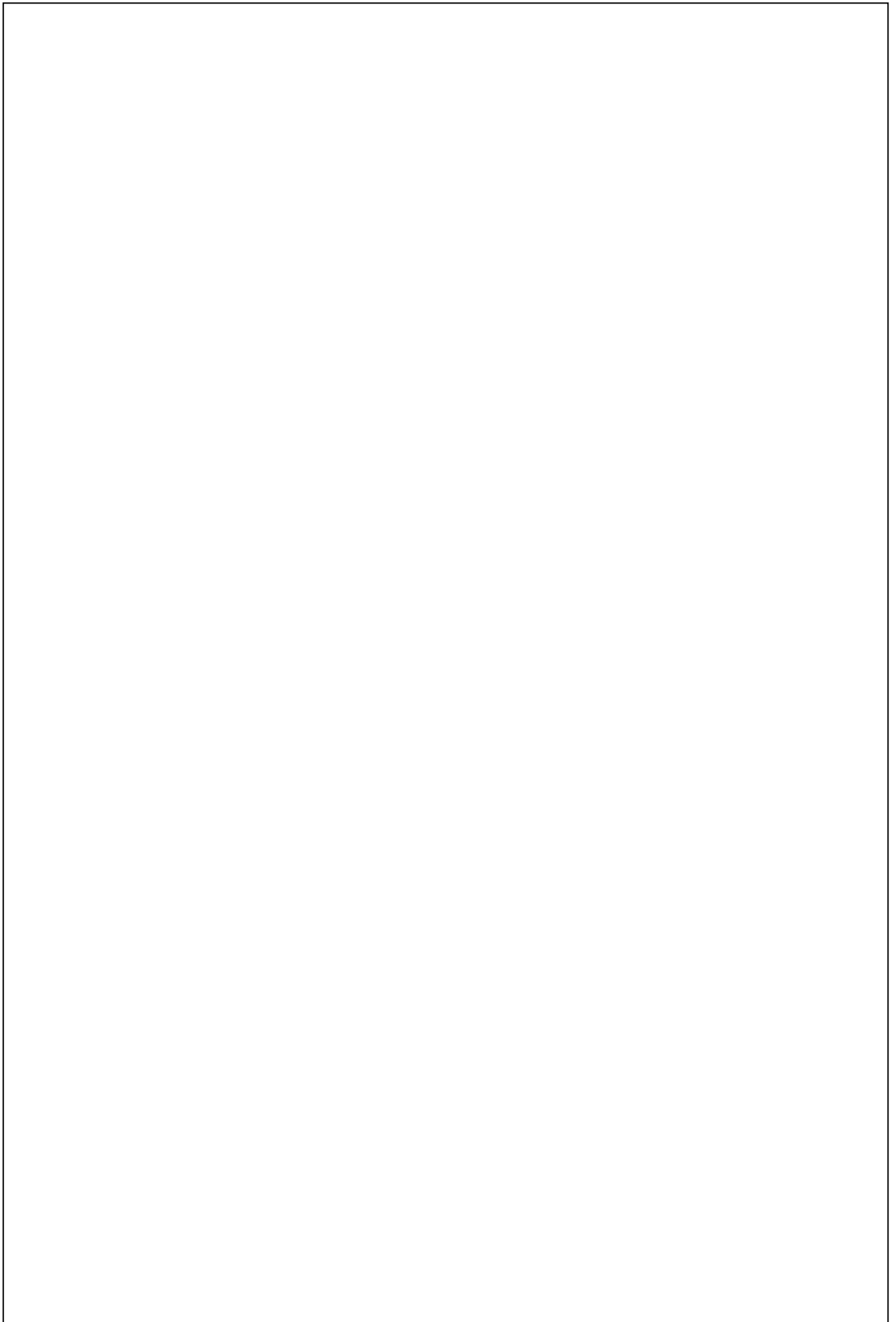
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| 138-34A | MINOR PURCHASING ALCOHOL / PROCURE BY FALSE REP | 002 |
| 148-39 | KEEPING FIREWORKS/POSSESSION EXPLODE | 001 |
| 138-34A | SELL DELIVER ALCOHOL TO MINOR | 001 |
| 209A-7 | VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER (209A) | 004 |
| 265-13 | ASSAULT | 001 |
| 265-13A | ASSAULT & BATTERY | 017 |
| 265-13A | DOMESTIC ASSAULT AND BATTERY | 035 |
| 265-13H | INDECENT A&B PERS OVER AGE 14 | 002 |
| 265-15A | ASSAULT & BATTERY DANGEROUS WEAPON | 013 |
| 265-15B | ASSAULT BY DANGEROUS WEAPON | 005 |
| 265-17X | ROBBERY, UNARMED | 005 |
| 265-18A | ARMED ASSAULT IN DWELLING | 002 |
| 266-2 | BURN PUBLIC BUILDING | 001 |
| 265-22 | RAPE | 008 |
| 266-120 | TRESPASSING | 003 |
| 266-127 | MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION / VANDALISM | 080 |
| 266-XX | BURGLARY, UNARMED | 003 |
| 266-14 | BURGLARY/ARMED ASSAULT OF OCCUPANT | 001 |
| 266-16 | BREAKING & ENTERING DWELLING, VESSEL, VEHICLE | 021 |
| 266-30A | SHOPLIFTING | 002 |
| 90-24P | USE MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT AUTHORITY | 002 |
| 266-28 | LARCENY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE | 001 |
| 266-30 | LARCENY OF PROPERTY | 006 |
| 266-49 | POSSESSION OF BURGLARY TOOLS | 002 |
| 266-60 | RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY | 003 |
| 268-13B | INTIMIDATION OF WITNESS/ RETALIATE AGAINST WITNESS | 008 |
| 268-XX | BOMB THREAT, FALSE | 001 |
| 268-32B | RESISTING ARREST | 005 |
| 269-10B | CARRY DANGEROUS WEAPON | 003 |
| 272-53 | DISORDERLY PERSON / DISTURBING PEACE | 045 |
| 272-53 | INDECENT EXPOSURE | 001 |
| 275-2 | THREAT TO COMMIT A CRIME | 001 |
| | ALL OTHER OFFENSES INCL. WARRANTS | 066 |
| | TOTAL | 945 |

OFFENSES CHARGED - AT TIME OF JUVENILE ARRESTS

| | | |
|---------|--|------------|
| A2-3 | TBL UNLAWFUL NOISE | 001 |
| 89-4A | FAIL KEEP IN MARKED LANES | 001 |
| 90-10 | OPERATING W/O LICENSE | 001 |
| 90-24 | OUI ALCOHOL | 001 |
| 90-24P | USE WITHOUT AUTHORITY, MOTOR VEHICLE | 001 |
| 94C-34 | POSSESSION OF CLASS D SUBSTANCE | 002 |
| 138-34C | MINOR TRANSPORTING/CARRYING ALCHOL | 002 |
| 265-13A | ASSAULT & BATTERY | 004 |
| 265-13A | DOMESTIC ASSAULT & BATTERY | 003 |
| 265-17 | ARMED ROBBERY | 001 |
| 266-16 | BREAKING & ENTERING NIGHT | 003 |
| 266-28 | LARCENY OF MOTOR VEHICLE | 001 |
| 266-30 | LARCENY | 002 |
| 268-32B | RESISTING ARREST | 001 |
| 272-53 | DISORDERLY PERSON | 001 |
| ALL | ALL OTHER OFFENSES INCL. WARRANT CHARGES | 010 |
| | TOTAL | 035 |

OFFENSES ADULTS SUMMONSED FOR

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| A2-3 | VIOLATION TBL NOISE | 018 |
| A2-6 | VIOLATION TBL OPEN CONTAINER | 009 |
| 90-10 | OPERATING W/O A LICENSE | 001 |
| 90-18 | VIOL TBL A5S1 ONE WAY STREET | 001 |
| 90-24 | USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT AUTHORITY | 001 |
| 90-24 | LEAVING SCENE OF PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENT | 001 |
| 90-24 | LEAVING SCENE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT | 002 |
| 90-24I | OPEN CONTAINER WHILE DRIVING | 001 |



MOTOR VEHICLE (MV) CRASHES

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| MV CRASH REPORTED TO DISPATCH | 920 |
| MV CRASH REPORTED IN PERSON OR BY MAIL | 226 |
| MV CRASH INVESTIGATED REQUIRING POLICE REPORTS | 733 |
| MV CRASH WITH CITATIONS ISSUED | 277 |
| MV CRASH TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED | 289 |
| MV CRASH WITH PERSONAL INJURY | 163 |
| MV CRASH TOTAL INJURED PERSONS | 209 |
| MV CRASH INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS | 003 |
| MV CRASH INVOLVING BICYCLES | 011 |
| MV CRASH INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES | 001 |
| MV CRASH INVOLVING WHEELCHAIRS | 000 |
| MV CRASH WITH FATALITIES | 002 |

MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS

| | |
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| AFTER MARKET LIGHTS – NONCOMPLIANCE | 003 |
| ALLOW IMPROPER OPERATION OF MV | 002 |
| CROSSWALK VIOLATION | 009 |
| DEFECTIVE/FAULTY EQUIPMENT | 346 |
| EXHIBIT OTHER PERSON'S LICENSE | 037 |
| FAILURE TO USE CARE (TOWN BY LAW) | 114 |
| FAILURE TO GIVE PROPER SIGNAL | 004 |
| FAILURE TO KEEP RIGHT | 016 |
| FAILURE TO REPORT CHANGE IN MILITARY STATUS | 002 |
| FAILURE TO SLOW | 004 |
| FAILURE TO STOP FOR POLICE OFFICER | 001 |
| FAILURE TO YIELD AT INTERSECTION | 058 |
| IMPROPER PASSING | 014 |
| IMPROPER TURNING MOVEMENT | 007 |
| INVALID INSPECTION STICKER | 200 |
| JUNIOR OPERATOR WITH PASSENGER UNDER 18 | 001 |
| LEAVING SCENE OF ACCIDENT WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE | 014 |
| LEAVING SCENE OF ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY | 001 |
| MARKED LANE VIOLATION | 044 |
| NUMBER PLATE VIOLATION | 070 |
| OPERATING WITH NO LICENSE/REGISTRATION IN POSSESSION | 139 |
| OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION/REVOCATION | 065 |
| OPERATING TO ENDANGER | 005 |
| OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE, ALCOHOL/DRUGS | 079 |
| OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE, ALCOHOL/DRUGS 4 TH OFFENSE | 002 |
| OPERATING UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE | 003 |
| OPERATING UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE | 087 |
| OPERATING UNLICENSE OPERATOR | 052 |
| OTHER MOVING VIOLATIONS | 183 |
| OTHER NON-MOVING VIOLATION | 041 |
| POSSESSION OF CLASS D DRUGS | 005 |
| RIDING ON RAILROAD TRACKS | 001 |
| RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATION FAILURE TO GRANT TO MOTOR VEHICLE | 006 |
| RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATION FAILURE TO GRANT TO PEDESTRIAN | 004 |
| RIGHT ON RED WHERE PROHIBITED | 012 |
| SEATBELT VIOLATION | 028 |
| SPEEDING | 1598 |
| STOP SIGN/RED LENS | 373 |
| UNDER 21 WITH LIQUOR IN POSSESSION | 006 |
| UNSAFE OPERATION OF MV | 038 |
| VOIDS | 005 |
| VIOLATION OF COMMONWEALTH REGULATIONS CMR | 002 |
| WARNINGS | 1894 |

TOTAL CITATIONS: 5575

End of Report